are very much concerned with the welfare of the labourers, is it not incumbent on the part of the Hon. Minister and the Government to bring about urgently a reasonable understanding between the workers and the managements so that the workers may not be laid off or put out of work in the next month or two?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I would request the hon. Member to give notice of a short notice question, particularly regarding Madura Mills. I have a number of facts to give.

Ghiriyar scheme

* 203-P *Q.*—SRI T. VELUCHAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the estimated cost of the Ghiriyar Project in Tirunelveli district;

(*b*) whether the consent of the Kerala Government will be available for the execution of the project;

(*c*) what are the places with their extent that will be benefited by the project; and

(*d*) when will the project be taken up for execution?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) Rs. 216 lakhs as estimated in 1953.

(*b*) Negotiations with the Kerala State can be started only after a final decision has been reached on the Parambikulam-Iliyar Project. It cannot be stated whether or not the consent of the Kerala Government will be received.

(*c*) The total area to be irrigated is estimated at 10,700 acres. The areas that will be benefited can be known only after localization.

(*d*) In view of the answer to clause (*b*) it cannot be stated when the project can be started.

Sugar mills

*** 203 Q-*Q.*—SRI M. P. SARATHI AND SRI A. A. RASHEED :** கனம் கைத்தொழிலமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா ?

(அ) வடஆற்காடு மாவட்டத்தில் புதிய சர்க்கரை ஆலே ஏற்படுத்தும் முயற்சி எந்த அளவுக்கு முன்னேறி இருக்கிறது ?

(ஆ) அது எப்போது செயல்பட ஆரம்பிக்கும் ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) The North Arcot District Co-operative Sugar Mills, which has been granted a licence to set up a Sugar Factory, has purchased the site for the location of the factory in Vadapudupet and Kilmurungai villages in Vellore taluk. It has obtained necessary import licences for sugar mill machinery and has also placed firm orders for the machinery from West Germany, and some items of the machinery have begun to